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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S INITIATED INTERVIEW

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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Examiner Initiated Interview on September 30, 2010, Applicants request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following Remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

1.   (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

transmitting, by a computer based system for managing financial data, a standardized template for capturing remote financial data and a customization tool to a plurality of remote terminals, wherein the standardized template is operable on a plurality of operating systems, ~~wherein the standardized template is customized with the customization tool to create a customized template for at least one of the remote terminals, wherein the customized template is created at the remote terminal, and wherein at least one of the standardized template and the customized template is associated with a financial data system at each of the remote terminals~~;

creating, by the computer based system, a customized template at the remote terminal, wherein the standardized template is customized with the customization tool to create a customized template, and wherein at least one of the standardized template and the customized template is associated with a financial data system at each of the remote terminals;

transmitting, by the computer based system, a request for financial data to the plurality of remote terminals, wherein each of the remote terminals extracts data from the financial data system to at least one the standardized template and the customized template, in response to the request for financial data, and wherein data from each of the remote terminals is extracted to at least one of the standardized template and the customized template at each of the remote terminals;

converting, by the computer based system, the remote financial data from a second format to a first format via the standardized template at a first remote terminal, wherein the first remote terminal stores remote financial data in the second format which is receivable by the standardized template;

converting, by the computer based system, the remote financial data from a third format to a first format via the customized template at a second remote terminal, wherein the second remote terminal stores remote financial data in the third format which is receivable by the customized template;

receiving, by the computer based system, the remote financial data from the plurality of remote terminals via the standardized template and the customized template, <u>wherein the remote financial data is received in the first format</u> ~~wherein the data contained in the standardized template is contained within a first format, wherein data from each of the remote terminals is extracted to at least one of the standardized temple and the customized template at each of the remote terminals, and wherein a first remote terminal stores remote financial data in a second format which is receivable by the standardized template, and wherein a second remote terminal stores remote financial data in a third format which is receivable by the customized template, and wherein the standardized template is configured to convert the remote financial data from the second format to the first format at the first remote terminal and the customized template is configured to convert the remote financial data from a third format to the first format a t the second remote terminal~~;

matching, by the computer based system, the remote financial data from the standardized template and the customized template to master financial data based on a set of predetermined rules, wherein the master financial data is stored in a first format;

identifying, by the computer based system, an un-reconciled amount based on the matching;

analyzing, by the computer based system, the un-reconciled amount;

determining, by the computer based system, a classification of the un-reconciled amount;

transmitting, by the computer based system, a notification in response to the classification of the un-reconciled amount;

processing, by the computer based system, the un-reconciled amount based on the classification; and

updating, by the computer based system, the master financial data based on the remote financial data.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein at least two of the remote terminals use different operating systems.

3.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein at least two of the remote terminals use different accounting software applications.

4-5.   (Canceled)

6.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising updating a balance sheet based on the un-reconciled amount.

7.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the remote financial data includes a transaction involving an account, wherein and the master financial data includes a balance due for the account.

8.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the standardized template comprises a format that is independent of an operating system and an application.

9.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, the receiving further comprising scheduling, by the computer based system, a time for the receiving with the remote terminals.

10.   (Canceled)

11.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising transmitting, by the computer based system, to the remote terminals, a plurality of functions for generating customized templates for capturing the remote financial data.

12.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising maintaining, by the computer based system, identification data of users authorized to enter the remote financial data.

13-25. (Cancelled)

26.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the classification is at least one of write-off, further review required, and reconciled.

27.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the format of the standardized template is provided in JAVA format.

28.   (Currently Amended) A tangible non-transitory computer-readable storage medium having computer-executable instructions stored thereon that, if executed by a

computer based system for managing financial data, cause the computer based system to perform operations comprising:

transmitting, by [[a]] the computer based system ~~for managing financial data~~, a standardized template for capturing remote financial data and a customization tool to a plurality of remote terminals, wherein the standardized template is operable on a plurality of operating systems~~, wherein the standardized template is customized with the customization tool to create a customized template for at least one of the remote terminals, wherein the customized template is created at the remote terminal, and wherein at least one of the standardized template and the customized template is associated with a financial data system at each of the remote terminals~~;

<u>creating, by the computer based system, a customized template at the remote terminal, wherein the standardized template is customized with the customization tool to create a customized template for at least one of the remote terminals, and wherein at least one of the standardized template and the customized template is associated with a financial data system at each of the remote terminals</u>;

transmitting, by the computer based system, a request for financial data to the plurality of remote terminals, wherein each of the remote terminals extracts data from the financial data system to at least one the standardized template and the customized template, in response to the request for financial data, <u>and wherein data from each of the remote terminals is extracted to at least one of the standardized template and the customized template at each of the remote terminals</u>;

<u>converting, by the computer based system, the remote financial data from a second format to a first format via the standardized template at a first remote terminal, wherein the first remote terminal stores remote financial data in the second format which is receivable by the standardized template</u>;

<u>converting, by the computer based system, the remote financial data from a third format to a first format via the customized template at a second remote terminal, wherein the second remote terminal stores remote financial data in the third format which is receivable by the customized template</u>;

receiving, by the computer based system, the remote financial data from the plurality of remote terminals via the standardized template and the customized template, <u>wherein the remote financial data is received in the first format</u> ~~wherein the data contained in the standardized template is contained within a first format, wherein data from each of the remote terminals is extracted to at least one of the standardized temple and the customized template at each of the remote terminals, and wherein a first remote terminal stores remote financial data in a second format which is receivable by the standardized template, and wherein a second remote terminal stores remote financial data in a third format which is receivable by the customized template, and wherein the standardized template is configured to convert the remote financial data from the second format to the first format at the first remote terminal and the customized template is configured to convert the remote financial data from a third format to the first format a t the second remote terminal~~;

matching, by the computer based system, the remote financial data from the standardized template and the customized template to master financial data based on a set of predetermined rules, wherein the master financial data is stored in a first format;

identifying, by the computer based system, an un-reconciled amount based on the matching;

analyzing, by the computer based system, the un-reconciled amount;

determining, by the computer based system, a classification of the un-reconciled amount;

transmitting, by the computer based system, a notification in response to the classification of the un-reconciled amount;

processing, by the computer based system, the un-reconciled amount based on the classification; and

updating, by the computer based system, the master financial data based on the remote financial data.

29.   (Currently Amended) A <u>computer based</u> system for managing financial data comprising:

a network interface communicating with a memory;

the memory communicating with a processor; and

the processor, when executing a computer program, is configured to:

transmitting, by the processor, ~~transmit~~ a standardized template for capturing remote financial data and a customization tool to a plurality of remote terminals, wherein the standardized template is operable on a plurality of operating systems, ~~wherein the standardized template is customized with the customization tool to create a customized template for at least one of the remote terminals, wherein the customized template is created at the remote terminal, and wherein at least one of the standardized template and the customized template is associated with a financial data system at each of the remote terminals~~;

creating, by the processor, a customized template at the remote terminal, wherein the standardized template is customized with the customization tool to create a customized template for at least one of the remote terminals, and wherein at least one of the standardized template and the customized template is associated with a financial data system at each of the remote terminals;

transmitting, by the processor, ~~transmit~~ a request for financial data to the plurality of remote terminals, wherein each of the remote terminals extracts data from the financial data system to at least one the standardized template and the customized template, in response to the request for financial data and wherein data from each of the remote terminals is extracted to at least one of the standardized template and the customized template at each of the remote terminals;

converting, by the processor, the remote financial data from a second format to a first format via the standardized template at a first remote terminal, wherein the first remote terminal stores remote financial data in the second format which is receivable by the standardized template;

converting, by the processor, the remote financial data from a third format to a first format via the customized template at a second remote terminal, wherein the

second remote terminal stores remote financial data in the third format which is receivable by the customized template;

receiving, by the processor, ~~receive~~ the remote financial data from the plurality of remote terminals via the standardized template and the customized template, wherein the remote financial data is received in the first format ~~wherein the data contained in the standardized template is contained within a first format, wherein data from each of the remote terminals is extracted to at least one of the standardized temple and the customized template at each of the remote terminals, and wherein a first remote terminal stores remote financial data in a second format which is receivable by the standardized template, and wherein a second remote terminal stores remote financial data in a third format which is receivable by the customized template, and wherein the standardized template is configured to convert the remote financial data from the second format to the first format at the first remote terminal and the customized template is configured to convert the remote financial data from a third format to the first format at the second remote terminal~~;

matching, by the processor, ~~match~~ the remote financial data from the standardized template and the customized template to master financial data based on a set of predetermined rules, wherein the master financial data is stored in a first format;

identifying, by the processor, ~~identify~~ an un-reconciled amount based on the matching;

analyzing, by the processor, ~~analyze~~ the un-reconciled amount;

determining, by the processor, ~~determine~~ a classification of the un-reconciled amount;

transmitting, by the processor, ~~transmit~~ a notification in response to the classification of the un-reconciled amount;

processing, by the processor, ~~process~~ the un-reconciled amount based on the classification; and

updating, by the processor, the master financial data based on the remote financial data.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the customized template comprises a format that is independent of an operating system and an application.

REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner Goyea for the Examiner initiated interview conducted on September 30, 2010 with Applicants' attorney Mark Williams, Registration No. 64,425. Applicants have provided clarifying amendments to be entered as an Examiner's Amendment in accordance with suggestions from Examiner Goyea.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **19-2814**. If an extension of time is necessary, please accept this as a petition therefore. Applicants invite the Office to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions regarding this Reply or the present application in general.

Respectfully submitted,

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